

Mark Your Calendars!

The CDC National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) will hold its second conference July 26-28, 2004, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC.

The theme of the conference is:

Navigating Our Future: Aligning Strategies and Science

THE CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES ARE:

- To provide a forum for input into the NCBDDD strategic plan and research agenda.
- To identify and share cutting edge science in NCBDDD disease prevention activities.
- To facilitate collaboration among NCBDDD's various partners in achieving its strategic agenda.

POTENTIAL TRACKS INCLUDE:

- Promoting early identification of developmental and disabling conditions among infants, children and adults;
- Understanding the causes, occurrence and consequences of birth defects, developmental disabilities and inherited disorders;
- Reducing the incidence of birth defects and developmental disabilities;
- Reducing secondary conditions among people with disabilities;
- Promoting child development and health and well-being among individuals with disabilities and inherited disorders;
- Translating knowledge to public health policy and programs;
- Promoting cutting-edge science (genetic and environmental)

TOPIC AREAS:

- Birth defects: research, prevention, surveillance
- Autism: Research, surveillance
- Newborn Screening and Follow up: metabolic, hearing
- Child development and developmental screening
- Fetal alcohol syndrome: diagnosis, surveillance, prevention, management
- Developmental disabilities: Cerebral palsy, mental retardation, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, hearing loss, visual impairment, kernicterus, etc
- Disability and health
- Hereditary disorders: bleeding/coagulation disorders, muscular dystrophy
- Women's Health: preconceptional care, female carriers of x-linked disorders, women with bleeding disorders, etc.
- Impacts and implication of policy development in above areas
- Behavioral science and health communication research and application in the above areas
- Other

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